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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following specification paragraphs as indicated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 12 through 20 as follows:

As ~~note~~ noted above, logic in receiver **12** interprets and acts upon the descriptor in broadcast stream 18, determining, for example, whether digital content can be stored for display and charge-back at some later time. Through its connection to playback device **14**, receiver **12** is also able to determine when recorded content is played back or otherwise consumed, and includes a mechanism for remunerating the content provider (e.g., the administrator of broadcast content source **16**). In accordance with particular implementations, receiver **12** may be adapted to ensure that content can only be played or consumed on the particular system **10** which received and recorded the content, thereby providing protection against unauthorized copying and use.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, line 2 through 26 as follows:

Still referring to **Fig. 1**, playback device **14** can be any device capable of rendering digital information. Where the digital content ~~including~~ included in broadcast stream **18** comprises audiovisual content, such as television show or a movie, playback device ~~14~~ **14** may be a standard DVD player, a digital VCR (videocassette recorder) or a digital VCP (videocassette player) connected to a television or a video monitor. Alternatively, playback device **14** can be a computer monitor with associated driver software.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 18 through page 7, line 3.

Demultiplexor ~~20~~ **22** forwards blocks of data extracted from broadcast stream **18** to a data interface **24** that is configured to perform datatype-specific processing. To facilitate

such processing, demultiplexor ~~20~~ **22** may attach a header to the blocks of data including such information as the datatype for the block and its length. Data interface **24** is responsible for identifying and extracting relevant data (e.g., the non-audiovisual components) from broadcast stream **18**. To this end, data interface **24** includes datatype-specific submodules for the various datatypes that it is configured to process. In this particular implementation, data interface **24** includes an IP Data module **26**, a DSM-CC Data module ~~28~~ **28** and a PES (packetized elementary stream) Data module **32**. In addition, data interface **24** includes a general Other Data and Descriptors module **30**. This latter module is configured to process any descriptor or other authorization information included in broadcast stream **18**, as discussed above, as well as any datatypes for which data interface **24** has no datatype-specific processing module.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 4 through 18.

Data interface **24** passes the data that it processes to a consumer module **34** coupled thereto. In the implementation illustrated in **Fig. 2**, consumer module **34** is configured to perform the majority of the processing relating to controlling the use of content transmitted in broadcast stream **18**. To this end, consumer module **34** includes logic for interpreting and acting upon the descriptor or similar information passed to it by data interface **24**. Consumer module **34** may, for example, interpret the descriptor to determine whether storage of particular content for later consumption is permitted, in which case consumer module **34** would pass such content to a storage manager **40**. In an alternative implementation, demultiplexor **22** may be configured to perform certain authorization processing, such that only data which may be recorded is passed to consumer module **34**. In addition to passing data to storage manager **40**, consumer module **34** manages consumption of the content and handles any required processing for remuneration to the provider of the content. To this end, as is discussed further below,

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consumer module **34**, is coupled to playback device **14** (through applications module **36**) and to an external billing server **42** (through storage manager **40**).